

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) is a serious disorder that creates scarring (fibrosis) in the delicate lung tissue of affected patients causing progressive, incurable lung disease; and
- WHEREAS,** IPF or simply pulmonary fibrosis (PF) progresses quickly, often causing limited quality of life, disability and/or death within a few short years; and
- WHEREAS,** pulmonary fibrosis is often misdiagnosed and under diagnosed, and a need has been identified to increase wide-ranging awareness and detection of this imperceptible disorder; and
- WHEREAS,** organizations are working to spread awareness and find a cure for pulmonary fibrosis through involved patient advocacy and support services, thoughtful education and press initiatives, and steadfast pursuit of research and funding opportunities, along with active participation in legislative efforts; and
- WHEREAS,** it is important that patients, caregivers, medical professionals, and the general public be unified in recognizing the latest advancements within the global pulmonary fibrosis community, as well as all of the work still to be done;

*NOW, THEREFORE I, EDWARD B. MURRAY, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY
PROCLAIM, SEPTEMBER 2015, 2015 TO BE*

Global Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month



Mayor Edward B. Murray
City of Seattle

